

Scratch Gravel Solid Waste Management District

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors

December 20, 2018 3:00 p.m.

City County Building, Room 309

316 North Park, Helena, Montana

Members Present

Jim McCormick

Loran Frazier

David Knoepke

Drenda Niemann

Staff Present

Jade Wills

Eric Griffin

Jacki Pierson

Pete Anderson

Guests

Randall Camp

Roger Baltz

Call to Order

Loran Frazier called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Knoepke pointed out an error on page 3, 4th Line down. Strick through “came up with” as the sentence did not make sense.

With that amendment the minutes from April 19, 2019 were approved unanimously. Mr. McCormick moved to approve the amended minutes which were seconded by Mr. Knoepke.

Comments From the Public:

No comments from the public.

Action Items:

No action items.

Staff Reports:

Landfill Manager Report- Pete Anderson (Solid Waste Superintendent) asked if there were any questions on the report enclosed in the board packet. Mr. Frazier said he did not see it in the Landfill Managers Report but was curious about the status regarding the motion passed last spring to find a consultant to evaluate/re-evaluate our plan. Mr. Anderson stated we have not reached out for a consultant at this time however in a

meeting held the day before between himself and Ms. Zacherl this was discussed and they plan on moving forward with it in the future. Mr. Eric Griffin adds that at this time the Law & Justice Building has been a main priority of the Commission so at this time looking for a consultant just has not been at the top of the list. Mr. McCormick mentions the Bobcat 5600 and UTV for Litter Pickup, he is inquiring about the status of this item. Mr. Anderson informs the Board this item has been purchased and was delivered in early October. There were some adjustments made, it is working well and is a one man operation. This equipment is versatile and has spread the process of litter control up. Mr. Anderson also informs the Board that the third week of November a DEQ inspection was performed and the Landfill received praise, and it was documented on the report the Landfill was in such great condition. Mr. Anderson credits the investments and new technologies purchases, mainly the vacuum. Mr. McCormick asks Mr. Anderson about the new compactor and how it is working. Mr. Anderson said the new compactor vs. the old compactor the design changes have helped and we have better clearance and have not gotten stuck like we used to, compaction has improved. Having the new compactor and backup compactor has allowed us to stay on top of the C&D Cell. Doing well on hours of use- target hours 900 hours per year and as of yesterday there were 500 hours. By staying on top of the target hours we can extend the life of the machine. Drenda Niemann (Board member) has a question regarding the DEQ inspection – she would like to know once DEQ releases the inspection report if the board members can get a copy of that. Mr. Andersen said absolutely. Ms. Niemann would like the DEQ inspection made available to the public and states maybe the new Communications Director for the County can help coordinate a story for it. It is agreed that it is a story positive story worth sharing and sharing how efficient and successful the landfill is. Mr. Griffin would like the Board to know he had a voicemail from Chad Bower with Republic Services. This message was to see if the Landfill would be interested in a Landfill pricing for Republic service and estimated tonnage available would be anywhere from 20,000-40,000 tons. Mr. Griffin states he has not responded but wanted to make the board aware there may be more information in the future.

Fiscal Year to Date Budget Review- Audra Zacherl (Assistant Director, Public Works) Jade Wills lets the board know Ms. Zacherl was unable to attend today but asks for any questions. Mr. McCormick observes there is a significant cost reduction in the current year and increased revenues-over \$300,000.00. Mr. Frazier points out what a great job we are doing managing the budget. Mr. Griffin adds the County relationship with the City has been good and works very well.

Discussion:

Pete Anderson would like to bring to the Boards attention the Transfer Station expansion is nearing completion and occupancy is expected to take place and be open to the public in Mid-January. The holdup right now is the fire suppressions system but once that goes through it will be opened and will be easier access for users. Mr. Griffin asks Mr. Anderson to explain what is being done; Mr. Anderson states it is the ground floor expansion on the tipping floor. There is a new shop facility budgeted to be built at the Transfer Station in the coming year as well as a new entrance way.

Mr. Frazier asks the Board to Establish 2019 Meeting following the same schedule we did in 2018. April/August/December meetings, the third Thursday of the Month at 3:00pm with the August meeting being held at the Landfill with a tour. The board unanimously agrees 2019 meetings will:

April 18, 2019 @ 3:00pm at the City-County Building

August 15, 2019 @ 3:00pm at the Landfill

December 19, 2019 @ 3:00pm at the City-County Building

Additional meetings can be scheduled as needed; Jade Wills informs the board she will send out calendar appointments for these meetings. Mr. McCormick moves which is seconded by Mr. Knoepke, Mr. Frazier asks for discussion, there is no discussion, the aye's are unanimous. Motion has passed.

Mr. McCormick asks if Ms. Zacherl will be sharing a financial report in April that will be the budget report to which Mr. Griffin answers yes.

Adjournment:

A motion was given to adjourn by Chairman Frazier and was seconded by Mr. McCormick. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.